

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 15-22 have been added to round out the scope of the claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Ohba (U.S. Patent No. 6,323,666). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that "the semiconductor device comprises one or more contacting test contacts exclusively for testing the contacting between the semiconductor device and the carrier." Ohba does not disclose or suggest such a feature. The Examiner has conceded that Ohba doesn't specifically disclose any contacts; accordingly applicant respectfully submits that Ohba clearly does not disclose exclusive testing contacts as recited in amended claim 1. Claim 1 is therefore allowable.

Claim 12 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1 and is therefore also allowable for the reasons stated above. Claims 2-11 and 13-22 depend from allowable claims and are therefore allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 543822002400.

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